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DROUGHT PROOF RICE VARIETY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University of Hyderabad in association with the US based Rockfeller Foundation has devised a drought-tolerant rice variety using molecular and genomic technologies;

(b) if so, whether the research project is a part of the National Rice Network Program of ICAR;

(c) if so, whether the research has been found successful; and

(d) the extent to which it will help the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d): The basic research work under this project funded by US based Rockefeller Foundation is in the advanced stages at University of Hyderabad for genetic improvement of rice for water limited environments. However, so far no rice variety has been identified for drought tolerance.